

He Has Risen
Matthew 28:1-15
Key Verse: 28:6

1. Read 27:62-66. What did the religious leaders remember? What request did they make of Pilate? What were they afraid of? How did they make the tomb secure? How does this add to evidence of the resurrection?
2. Read 28:1. Who came to the tomb? When did they come and why? What happened when they arrived at the tomb? Describe the appearance of the angel who sat on the stone. What happened to the guards? What shows the women's courage?
3. Read verses 5-7. What good news did the angel tell the women? Of what did he remind them? What evidence did he show them? What message were they to deliver to the disciples? Why is the empty tomb such important evidence?
4. Read verses 8-10. What were the women's mixed emotions? Where did they go? Describe their meeting with the Risen Jesus. What does it mean that they clasped his feet? That they worshiped him? How did he reassure them and what mission and promise did he give them?
5. Read verses 11-15. Where did the guards go and what did they report? What plan did the religious leaders make to conceal the fact of Jesus' resurrection? What story did the guards tell? How do the actions of the religious leaders (also in 27:62-66) add proof to the fact of the resurrection?